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BUT YOU WEREN'T
HURT, SO LET'S
NOT OVERINDULGE
OURSELVES, HM?

LOGAN COULD
HAVE KILLED
US ALL...



I MET HIS
EYES FOR A
SECOND...

FILLED WITH
HATE AND FURY...

BUT I COULDN'T
TELL IF IT WAS
SOME ANIMAL
BLOODLUST...

...OR HORROR AT
WHAT WE HAVE
DONE TO HIM?



THEN, WITH HIS LIFE-SUPPORTS
TORN AWAY, HE COLLAPSED...

THOSE TERRIBLE KNIVES
SUNK BACK INTO HIS BODY...

AND I THANKED
GOD FOR MY
FORTUNE.

SO YOU SURVIVED TO TELL
THE TALE. NOW WE SHOULD
CONSIDER...
BUT THE BOY IS
DEAD, PROFESSOR.

YES, IT'S TRAGIC. WHAT
EVER COULD HAVE
POSSESSED HIM TO
ENTER THE BOOTH?

I DON'T KNOW...

HE MUST
HAVE SEEN
THE DANGER...

BUT STILL--
WE HAVE TO
ANSWER FOR
IT.

HOW SO, DOCTOR?

WELL, THE POLICE
OBVIOUSLY...

...AND WHAT ABOUT
THE BOY'S FAMILY?

I DON'T BELIEVE
POLICE INVOLVE-
MENT WILL BE
NECESSARY...

THE BOY'S
RELATIVES CAN BE
COMPENSATED.

SECURED, LET US SAY.

HM.

DOCTOR...

I REALIZE YOU MUST BE
FEELING A LITTLE ESTRANGED
FROM ME JUST NOW...

VEEP

VEEP

...SO PERHAPS IT IS TIME
TO INDUCT YOU FURTHER
INTO MY PROGRAM--

BUT I WILL REQUIRE YOUR
EXPLICIT TRUST.



DO I HAVE THAT,
CORNELIUS?





VERY WELL, CORNELIUS.
YET I SEE A MAN AS
EVER HE WAS. BUT WITH
HIS SUBCONSCIOUS
STRIPPED BARE...

CUT FROM HIS
VERY SOUL...

...AND SCORED TO THE BONE.

OUR FRIEND
LOGAN HAS
COME INTO
HIS OWN
AT LAST...



UHM, PROFESSOR--

THE EXPERIMENT...

THE ADAMANTIUM
BONDING
PROCESS...

ARE YOU SAYING IT
MUTATED LOGAN INTO
THIS INFERNAL THING?



YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THIS
"INFERNAL THING" IS WHAT LOGAN
HAS ALWAYS BEEN...

NO, DOCTOR.



A DETERMINEDLY
VIOLENT
INDIVIDUAL...

...PUMMELING HIS
WAY THROUGH A
PURPOSELESS
LIFE...

ONE DAY DISTINGUISHED
FROM THE NEXT ONLY
BY THE CHANGING
PATTERNS OF
BRUISES AND
BLOOD FROM
LAST NIGHT'S
DRUNKEN
FIGHTS.



BUT THEN, INEXPLICABLY,
THE WOUNDS ARE
HEALED AND GONE
BEFORE NOON AND
HIS FIRST BEER.

I DOUBT IF
HE EVEN
SUFFERED
HANGOVERS.

ALL HIS YEARS LOGAN HAS ENDURED THIS-- SUFFERING A DESTINY THAT TORE AT HIM FROM HIS GUTS OUTWARD...

BATTLING A FATE DECREED HIM, BY NATURE!

SHOT, STABBED AND BEATEN IN THE COURSE OF DUTY-- RECKLESSLY SEEKING THE HONOR OF DYING FOR HIS COUNTRY...

NOW PITIFULLY DESPERATE HE MUST HAVE BECOME.

YES, INDEED.

BUT NOW HIS DEMON IS FREE-- RELEASED BY THE INTERVENTION OF EXPERIMENT-X.

THUS...

THE DOUBLE ID IS SUPPLANTED BY THE SUBERB AND ALL OF LOGAN'S PRIMAL INSTINCTS ARE FOCUSED AND RESOLVED.

AND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW, DOCTOR...

...IS THE MOST FORMIDABLE TACTICAL WEAPON EVER CONCEIVED.

YES...

THE KNIVES, THEN, IN HIS HANDS...

...PURE ADAMANTIUM...

HAVE YOU NOT HEARD A WORD I'VE SAID?

THEY'RE NOT KNIVES, CORNELIUS...

...THEY'RE CLAWS!

SECURITY!!





THE BUSH OF GHOSTS

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PART
8

DEATH AND THE KING'S
HORSEMEN

FEATURING:

SHANNA
SHE-DEVIL





WHY DO YOU WANT THAT MEATLESS WHITE WOMAN?

SHE'S ONLY...A SYMBOL, MLIMA, OF AN ARROGANT WORLD THAT WOULD NEVER TAKE US SERIOUSLY.



FORGET SYMBOLS, CROSS WALLS! WE'RE BUILDING A FORTRESS HERE --



--A NERVE CENTER FOR A SMUGGLING EMPIRE! WHAT GOOD IS THIS JIJILI GIG UNLESS IT MAKES US MONEY?



YOU WANT TO TAKE MY PLACE?

DO YOU HAVE MY POWER OVER THE ANCIENT SPIRITS? DO YOU HAVE MY KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL--



NO ONE WANTS YOUR PLACE, MASTER. BUT THE WOMAN, SHE IS BAD.



CHASING HER HAS COST US TIME, MEN AND MATERIAL.



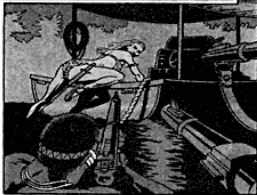
ALL RIGHT, THEN, GO!

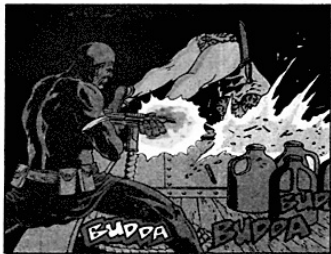
MLIMA WILL GUIDE YOU, WHEN YOU SEE SHANNA --SHOOT TO KILL!

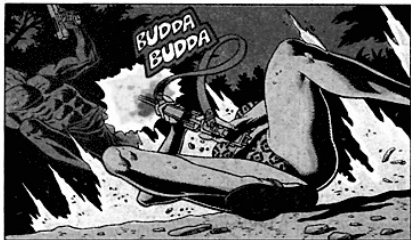












MEGGAN & SHADOW-CAT

IN

CHARMED LIVES!

OFF THE COAST OF NORTHERN ENGLAND...

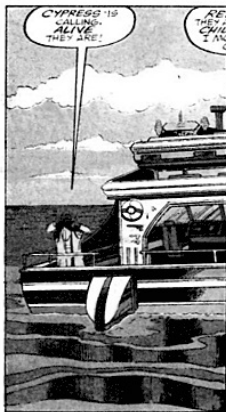
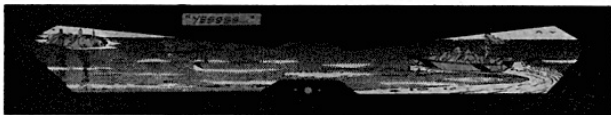
THE CALM
AFTER THE
STORM...

SEE, KITTY!
THERE THEY ARE!
JUST WHERE I
TOLD YOU!

I SEE THEM,
MEGGAN! I ONLY
HOPE WE GOT HERE
IN TIME! I WONDER
WHAT THEY WERE
DOING OUT IN A
BOAT IN THAT
STORM LAST
NIGHT?

I WISH THE
REST OF EXCALIBUR
HADN'T PICKED TODAY TO
GO SHOPPING ON THE
MAINLAND!

WE COULD USE
SOME HELP HERE
-I DON'T KNOW
IF I CAN PUT MY
PHASING POWER
ON HOLD LONG
ENOUGH TO BE OF
MUCH USE!





HERE'S SOME HOT COFFEE--
I--I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR
NAMES... I'M KATHERINE
--KITTY PRIDE.

I AM MIKHAIL--
BUT I AM CALLED
MISCHA. THIS IS
YURI.

I'M
MEGGAN.



YOUR ENGLISH IS
EXCELLENT, MISCHA!

THANK YOU. I HAVE
BEEN LIVING IN
ENGLAND FOR
SEVERAL YEARS!

BUT I WOULD NOW
LIVE *NOWHERE* IF
IT WERE NOT FOR
YOU AND YOUR
FRIEND. IT IS FOR-
TUNATE OUR FIGHT-
ING BOAT CAPTURED
SO NEAR TO HELP.

HE IS SO LIKE
PETER... BUT SO
UNLIKE HIM, TOO.
PETER IS SO SHY...
MISCHA IS SO
OUTSPOKEN... AND
SO HANDSOME.

CAREFUL, KITTY!
DON'T BE SO QUICK TO MAKE THE
SAME MISTAKE AGAIN!



YOU HAVE BEEN
VERY KIND, KATYA!



WHY... WHATEVER
IS THE MATTER?

NOTHING...
THE COFFEE
NOT IS... IS...
HOT... IT
BURNED MY
FINGERS.

KATYA! NOW
COULD HE CALL
ME THAT? ONLY
PETER EVER
CALLED ME THAT--
UNTIL HE WENT
AWAY AND FELL
IN LOVE WITH
SOMEONE
ELSE!

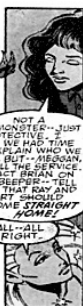


HE IS COMING!
EVEN THE STORM
WOULD NOT STOP HIM!
WE ARE STILL IN
DANGER! HE
MUST NEVER
CAPTURE US
ALIVE!

IT WOULD
MEAN THE
DEATHS OF TOO
MANY! AND
MISCHA BEHAVES
LIKE A SCHOOLBOY
WITH THAT
GIRL!

THIS IS
FUN!





YURI AND I ARE SCIENTISTS. FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH ROXKON ON A FLOATING RESEARCH STATION NORTH OF HERE.

"WE MADE AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY--AND REALIZED THAT IT COULD BE MADE INTO A DREADFUL WEAPON--A BIOLOGICAL WEAPON!"



"ROXKON WANTED THE FORMULA WE HAD DEVISED--BADLY ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE LAB AND KILL OUR CO-WORKERS TO GET IT."



"WE ESCAPED--BY THEN WE KNEW WE HAD BEEN SET--TRAYED. ALL ALONG WE WERE INVENTING A WEAPON--WE JUST DID NOT KNOW!"

"WE TWO KNEW THE LAST BIT OF THE FORMULA THAT THEY DO NOT. WE KNEW THEY WOULD FOLLOW. WE SAW THE BOAT WITH THEIR ASSASSIN COME AFTER US..."



"...AND THEN THE STORM HIT--OUR LITTLE CRAFT NEVER HAD A CHANCE--BUT THE ASSASSIN WAS NOT ABLE TO TRACK US UNTIL MORNING. WE GAINED SOME TIME."



BUT HE WILL COME FOR US SOON--WE MUST NOT LET THE FORMULA FALL INTO HIS HANDS!

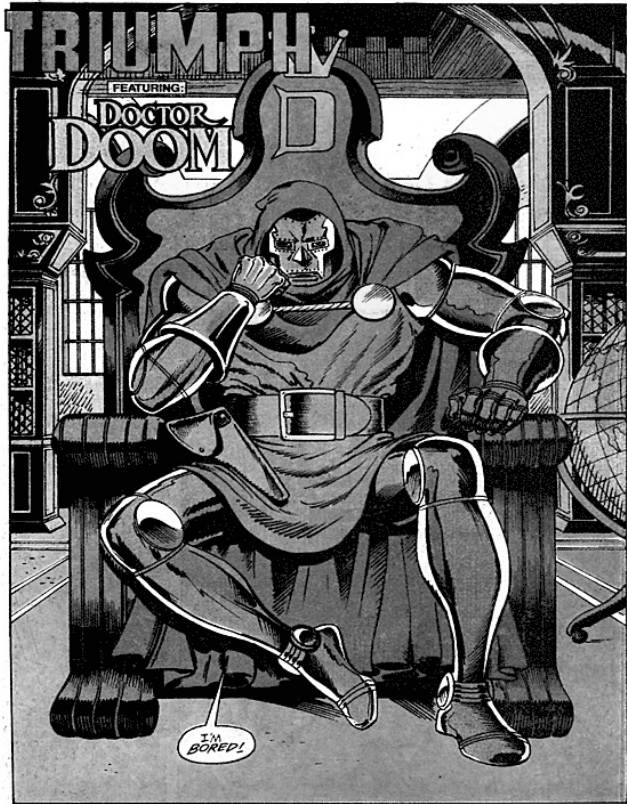
MISCHAL HE IS HERE! WE MUST FLEE!







THE
END



HOW IRONIC THAT I, VICTOR
VON DOOM, ONE OF THE
GREATEST MINDS ON EARTH, AM
REDUCED TO WHINING ABOUT
HAVING NOTHING TO DO...



BORED!
BORED!
BORED!

ENOUGH!! DOOM IS NO
SNIVELING
FEASANT TO
WALLOW IN
SELF-PITY!



IT'S TIME I
GOT TO WORK!

THERE ARE
MIGHTY
DEEDS TO
BE DONE!



FILLED WITH A TERRIBLE
NEW RESOLVE, I DESCEND
QUICKLY INTO THE LABORATORY
HIDDEN DEEP WITHIN THE
BOWELS OF CASTLE DOOM!



MY EVER-QUESTING MIND HAS DIS-
COVERED A NEW PRINCIPLE APPLICATION.
MY ENEMIES WILL FALL BEFORE ME AS
LEAVES BEFORE A WHIRLWIND...

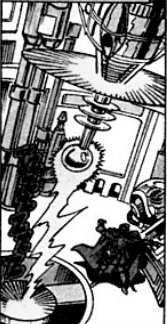


I BELIEVE I CAN CAPTURE
COSMIC ENERGIES AND
STORE THEM WITHIN MY
OWN BODY IN USEABLE
FORM.

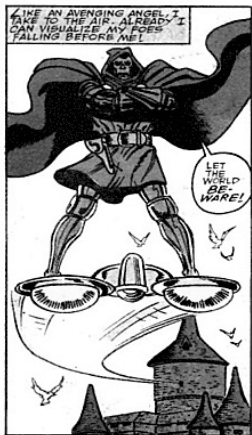
I THROW MYSELF EAGERLY INTO
MY WORK. THE KEENING SONG
OF FREE FLYING ENERGY
ACCOMPANIES MY EFFORTS...



YOUR UPON HOUR THE
HEAVENS THUNDER AS I
TEAR SAVAGELY AT THE
SECRETS OF THE
UNIVERSE!







THE SPIDER
LEAPS...



...I BRUSH
IT AWAY.



TORCH!
HE'S
HELP!

RELAX,
WEBHEAD!
I'VE GOT
YOU!



NO JOKING, JOHNNY...
THAT MAN'S
DANGEROUS!

SO
ARE WE,
PAL!



HEY, DOOM! C'MON
DOWN! I WANNA SMASH
YER UGLY FACE!



LET'S GET
HIM, BEN!



I'D SUGGEST YOU
LOOK AT YOUR
OWN FACE,
MONSTER!

IF YOU WERE
NOT ABOUT TO
DIE!

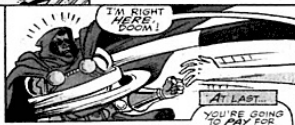


AND SO SHALL FALL ALL
WHO OPPOSE ME!



BUT WHERE
IS REED
RICHARDS?

I
HAVEN'T DEFEATED
THE FANTASTIC
FOUR UNLESS
I'VE DEFEATED
REED RICHARDS!



I'M RIGHT
HERE,
DOOM!

AT LAST...
YOU'RE GOING
TO PAY FOR
YOUR CRIMES,
YOU MANIAC!



I HAVE WAITED YEARS FOR THIS MOMENT.



I'VE DONE IT!
MY GREATEST
FOE... DEAD
AT MY HANDS!

YOU WON'T
GET AWAY WITH
IT, MONSTER!

IF IT'S THE LAST
THING I DO, I'LL
SEE YOU DEAD,
DOOM!

ARE YOU
PLANNING
ON STOPPING
ME ALL BY
YOURSELF,
MADAM?

SHE'S GOT
PLENTY OF
FRIENDS,
DOOM!



THERE'RE
MORE THAN ENOUGH
OF US TO CUT YOU
DOWN TO SIZE!

CAPTAIN AMERICA...
THE STAR-SPANGLED
OAF!



CLANG!



ENOUGH OF
THIS WEARISOME
TOY!

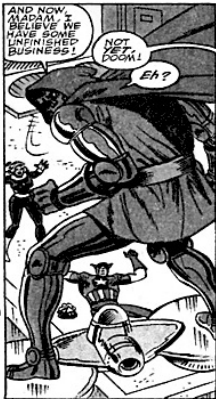
CRUNCH

MY SHIELD!
NO!



YOU WISH
ME TO RETURN
IT, CAPTAIN?

WHOOF!



AND NOW,
MADAM, I
BELIEVE WE
HAVE SOME
UNFINISHED
BUSINESS!

NOT
YET,
DOOM!

Eh?







**DOCTOR
DOOM**

THINKS IT'S A
WONDERFUL
LIFE!

MEGGAN

AND

**SHADOW-
CAT** ARE LEFT

HOME
ALONE!

SHANNA

THE

SHE-DEVIL

IS GETTING
OUT OF
AFRICA

**50
YEARS**



OF
CAPTAIN AMERICA

1941 - 1991